



Dear Summer Program Applicant and Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to be offering a summer program for youth with disabilities ages 5-11. Youth ages 5-11 will have a weekly summer recreation program. We will accept up to 20 for this group. **We fill up fast and slots will be filled on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.**

### **What is the Weekly Summer Recreation Program?**

For youth ages 5-11 we are going to have a weekly activity held at RRCI or out in the community to practice social and life skills. *This group will start Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> and go until Friday August 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-12:00pm.* The focus of this program is to increase friendships, leadership opportunities for the older participants, and learning new hobbies. This program costs \$30 for the first child in a family to sign up, with a cost of \$10 for each additional family member. **This program is exclusively for individuals with disabilities.**

Summer Program is most appropriate for youth who fit the following guidelines:

1. Youth must be able to demonstrate basic self-sufficiency. Students must be independently mobile, be able to demonstrate independence with toileting, feeding, and dressing or bring an attendant to assist with those needs.
2. Youth should be socially appropriate and be able to function at a 1 staff to 10 consumer ratio.

RRCI reserves the right to select participants who demonstrate a reasonable expectation that services provided will be beneficial in their move toward independent living. Students must be between the ages of 5-11 for the weekly recreation program. It is important to get your application in early as we will be selecting on a first come, first serve basis. **You will be notified by May 12<sup>th</sup> 2023** if your child has been selected. Call Kayla or Jennifer at (435) 673-7501 for any questions or other classes and services available.

Below are some questions to help staff members better serve your student(s). Information provided will be used to help us plan and organize classes.

1. Special Dietary Needs: No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ if yes, please explain  
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2. Please explain your student's disability, including whether or not your student uses a mobility device.  
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3. Is your student able to follow simple directions? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Please explain  
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4. How does your student handle unfamiliar situations or people? Please explain  
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5. Given the opportunity will your student wander/leave the group?  
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6. Are there behavior characteristics that staff should be aware of? Examples include but are not limited to: defiance, violence, etc.

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7. What strengths/skills does your student possess?

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8. What would you like to see your student achieve from these classes?

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Other comments, concerns or accommodations your student will need to participate:

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### 2023 RRCI Summer Programs Permission Forms

I hereby give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in RRCI's Summer Recreation Program. With this fully signed permission slip, I hereby release and discharge RRCI and its employees from all liability, claims, and/or demands for property damage and personal injury, which may arise from an accident or injury while attending activities for the summer program, or being transported to and from these activities. Please initial below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree

\_\_\_\_\_ Disagree

I agree to authorize RRCI to take and utilize photographs, videos, or other audio-visual materials for its own use. These materials will be used for public awareness, public relations, and fundraising. I also understand that I will not be compensated monetarily or otherwise for use by RRCI. Please initial below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree

\_\_\_\_\_ Disagree

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency I can be contacted at the following number \_\_\_\_\_

**Return application as soon as possible to RRCI—DEADLINE MAY 5<sup>th</sup>**

Mail—Attn: Kayla Robertson, 168 N 100 E Suite 101 St. George, UT 84770

Email—[kayla@rrci.org](mailto:kayla@rrci.org)



## RRCI Summer Programs Frequent Questions

1. **Where will students spend most of their time in the summer program?** Most activities will be held at the RRCI building. Outings and some special events will take place at community locations within the Washington County area.
2. **What about transportation?** *For our Summer Youth Program for the 5-11 year olds, transportation is limited and must be reserved with 24-hour notice.* As activities are every Friday, we will need to know by each Thursday prior if a ride is needed. The amount of drivers that we have varies so we are unable to have a consistent pick up list each week.
3. **What time should the students arrive and leave RRCI?** For the Summer Recreation Program, youth should arrive between 10:15 and 10:30am. They should be picked up by their parents (or reserve transportation with RRCI) by 12:00 pm.
4. **What kind of supervision will students have while at RRCI?** Staff members are independent living specialists trained to help students meet his/her needs. Staff will be in attendance at all activities. Students safety and well-being are our most important concern. Students will be supervised in a group of no more than 1 staff to 10 student ratio. **We do not have staff capacity for 1:1 supervision.** We also have volunteers that come, so there are *always* at least 4 adults present.
5. **What is the cost of the RRCI Summer Program?** The Summer Recreation Program is \$30 for the first child enrolled in a family and an additional \$10 for siblings enrolled.
6. **What about parents? How can they help?** Building independence is about giving children at any age exposure and experiences without their family. For the Summer Recreation Camp, parents can attend and support their child in the activities planned with the understanding that the staff and volunteers may focus more specifically with their children. Parents are welcome to come and socialize with each other!
7. **What about other help or services?** RRCI has additional resources and help available beyond the summer program. Call Kayla or Jennifer at (435) 673-7501 for more details about the Youth Program.
8. **Getting the application back to us?** The application is available on the RRCI website: [www.rrci.org](http://www.rrci.org) You can mail it, email, or turn it in person to us.
9. **Is the application fee due before the deadline or after? All fees are due BEFORE the deadline.** Any applicants who are not accepted this year will be refunded.